

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

The New England Narcotic Enforcement Officer's Association, in conjunction with the New England Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England State Police Information Network, and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc., is again presenting the symposium **"What Police, Prosecutors and School Officials Should Know About Designer Drugs"** on **Monday, March 26, 2001**, 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m., at the Best Western Royal Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough, Massachusetts. This symposium will provide law enforcement, prosecutorial, and educational professionals with the latest information regarding designer drugs and the challenges they present to public safety in New England. The Executive Office of Public Safety is co-sponsoring this event. For registration information please contact Lynn M. McAfee, Analytical Assistant, N.E.S.P.I.N., at 1-800-343-5682 x206 or via email at lmcafee@nespin.riss.net. For questions concerning the symposium please contact Detective Paul Jarosiewicz, Director of Law Enforcement Programs, at 617-727-6300 x25313 or via email at paul.jarosiewicz@eps.state.ma.us

The **6th Annual Statewide Domestic Violence Conference** of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association will be held on **May 3 - 4, 2001** at the Sea Crest Resort & Conference Center in North Falmouth, Massachusetts. There is a \$115.00 registration fee which includes workshop attendance, conference notebook, continental breakfasts and lunch. Registration and workshop selection forms must be returned with payment to the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association by **April 2, 2001**. Additional information and the registration and workshop selection forms are available from the District Attorneys Association at 617-723-0642 or e-mail at: lan.Newton@daa.state.ma.us. If you wish to stay at the Sea Crest Resort and receive the special rate of \$86.00 plus tax, you must make your room reservations by April 2nd. Please contact the Sea Crest directly by calling 800-225-3110.

Title V Delinquency Prevention Notice of Intent The Notice of Intent to apply for federal Title V Delinquency Prevention funds will be available on the Programs Division web site the week of March 19, 2001. The Title V Delinquency Prevention Program supports communities, for up to three years, that have formulated a community-wide strategy to address the prevention of delinquency. A community must have a prevention strategy based on an assessment of risk factors associated with the development of delinquent behavior in their community's youth. The Title V Notice of Intent will be available on our website at: www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm. The deadline for submitting the Notice of Intent is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2001.

Sexual Assault Rally: Voices of Healing, Voices for Change, sponsored by Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, will be held on **Tuesday, April 3, 2001**, Noon - 1:00, State House, Boston. Hear the voices of survivor's, advocates & community leaders; advocate for needed services and funding, and add your voice in the call for change. Bring banners and signs. Bring friends and co-workers. For more information or to volunteer, call Jane Doe Inc. at 617-248-0922 ext. 210 or visit: www.janedoe.org.

Notice of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan and Federal Formula Grant Application. Note: Change in timeline.

Summary: In accordance with Section 223 (a) (4) of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 1974, the Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division will make available, for public comment, the state's proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan amendments. The Plan describes the program activities that EOPS Programs Division proposes to carry out with federal fiscal year 2001 formula grant funds. In order to achieve compliance with the Lockup Removal and Disproportionate Minority Confinement mandates of the JJDP Act, all federal formula grant funds will be set aside for activities that will assist the state in achieving and maintaining compliance with these mandates.

Dates: The proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application will be posted on the EOPS web site (<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/update.htm>) by **April 11, 2001**. Also, requests for a copy of the proposed Three-Year Plan and Formula Grant Application can be submitted to EOPS Programs Division. Once the proposed plan is made available on the EOPS web site, EOPS invites the public to comment on the proposed plan. All comments must be received **in writing** on or before **May 2, 2001**.

Contact: To request a copy and/or to submit comments regarding the proposed plan, contact Jim Houghton, Juvenile Justice Specialist, via: **Mail:** Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division, One Ashburton Place, Suite 2110, Boston, MA 02108. **FAX:** 617-727-5356 or **e-mail:** jim.houghton@eps.state.ma.us

Note: Taking into consideration comments received on this proposed Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Three-Year Plan Amendments and Federal Formula Grant Application, EOPS Programs Division will develop and submit the final plan and application to the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice. No proposals, concept papers, or other forms of application should be submitted to EOPS Programs Division at this time.

Victim Rights Conference 2001 will be held on Tuesday, **April 17, 2001** at the Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA. The keynote speaker is Gavin de Becker, author of The Gift of Fear and Protecting the Gift. For more information call: The Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance at 617-727-5200.

The National Institute of Corrections has scheduled a satellite/Internet videoconference on **April 18, 2001**, titled **"Alleviating Jail Crowding: A Systemic Approach."** Videoconference topics include understanding the decisions made throughout the system that help control overcrowding, strategies to help reduce jail populations, learning how to collect and analyze data to better understand the problem, and strategies on handling special populations in the criminal justice system. For more information, contact Mary Ann Karre at the National Institute of Corrections, 1960 Industrial Circle, Longmont CO 80501, or at (800) 995-6429, extension 149, or via e-mail: mkarre@bop.gov.

The **Massachusetts Association of Crime Analysts** will hold its fourth Annual Training Conference at the Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort & Conference Center in Falmouth, Massachusetts from **May 15-18, 2001**. The conference will feature topics on crime mapping, information management, and other issues of importance to crime analysts and other law enforcement professionals. May 15, the first day, is an "open day"--anyone may come for free to hear the opening ceremonies and keynote speech (by Chief Thomas Casady of the Lincoln, NE Police), enjoy a buffet lunch, and attend workshops designed specifically for chiefs, executives, officers, detectives, and analysts. More information, including a registration form, is available at <http://www.macrimeanalysts.com>. Attendance on May 15 is free; Registration for the entire conference is \$200. Lodging at the Sea Crest is \$109 per night for a single or double occupancy. Please contact Christopher Bruce, 617-349-3387, cbruce@ps.ci.cambridge.ma.us with any questions.

The Association of Threat Assessment Professionals will be holding its **Annual Threat Management Conference** in Anaheim CA, on **August 28-31, 2001**. Presentations are being sought in the areas of Stalking, Domestic Violence, Workplace Violence, School Violence, Threats to Public Officials, and Hate Crimes, to enhance the discussion on Threat Assessments. For more detailed information, including the deadline, contact Detective David V. Schultz at the Denver Police Department's Domestic Violence Investigations Unit, 1331 Cherokee Street, Denver, CO 80204, or via phone (720) 913-6108 or fax (720) 913-7027.

Funding Opportunities

From the Federal Government

Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program awards grants to provide direct legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in matters arising from the abuse or violence and for providing enhanced training for lawyers representing these victims. Grant recipients include law school legal clinics, legal aid or legal services programs, domestic violence victims' shelters, bar associations, and sexual assault programs. The goal of the Program is to develop innovative, collaborative projects that provide quality representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/civil/civil01.pdf>

Application Deadline: March 20, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements: Private nonprofit entities, Indian tribal governments, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity. To be eligible for a grant, applicants are required to enter into a collaborative working relationship with a nonprofit, non-governmental domestic violence and/or sexual assault program from the community to be served.

Maximum Award Amount: Applicants should carefully consider the resources needed to successfully implement the project proposed and present a realistic budget that accurately reflects project costs. Continuation budgets should be based on FY 1999 budget amounts. OJP may elect to make grants for greater or lesser amounts than requested and to negotiate the scope of work with applicants prior to award of a grant.

Grant Period: 18 months

COPS MORE 2001 Grant Program: Making Officer Redeployment Effective <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/>

This grant program is to help law enforcement agencies become more efficient by providing funding for new equipment/technology which will allow officers to spend more time engaged in community policing activities. Only applications that clearly link the funds sought to an increased community policing presence will be considered for funding.

Application Deadline: March 23, April 6, and April 20, 2001. Applications received after the April 20, 2001 deadline will not be accepted. Applications received by the first deadline will receive priority consideration for review.

Eligibility Requirements: Law enforcement agencies that have already received funding under previous COPS MORE programs are eligible to apply. No consortia applications will be accepted. Requests for civilians or overtime, and salary and fringe benefits of a sworn officer will not be funded under COPS MORE 2001.

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$81 million will be available. Funding qualification is based upon a jurisdiction's service population according to the latest information available from the U.S. Census Bureau. There is a local match requirement, consisting of a minimum of 25% of the total allowable item costs.

Length of Award: Applicants should attempt to demonstrate project implementation within a time period of one year or less. The grant will not be extended beyond an additional two years.

Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program is designed to encourage jurisdictions to implement mandatory or pro-arrest policies as an effective domestic violence intervention that is part of a coordinated community response. For a complete listing of project areas, please refer to the application at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/whatsnew.htm.

Application Deadline: March 28, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements: States, Indian Tribal governments, state and local courts and units of local government. (See application for definition of "unit of local government").

Maximum Award Amount: There is no specified award amount, however, funding is limited. As such, budget requests should not exceed \$300,000 for individual units of local government, State or local courts, or \$900,00 for Statewide or regional projects involving 10 or more counties.

Grant Period: 12 months

21st Century Community Learning Centers <http://www.ed.gov/21stcccl/>

Grants for after-school programs will be awarded to rural and inner-city learning education sites, to fund the operation of Community Learning Centers that provide safe and supervised educational, recreational and supportive services for at-risk children and youth in inner-city or rural schools.

Application Deadline: March 30, 2001

Maximum Award Amount: The average grant size is \$125,000 per center per year for three years, or up to \$2 million a year.

Number of Awards Made: 400

Grant Period: 3 years

For further information contact: Amanda Clyburn at 202-260-3804.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program is designed to support up to 50% of the cost of NIJ-approved vests contained in a jurisdiction's application. It is strongly recommended that jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies not order vests contained in their application until it is approved by BJA, unless they have sufficient resources to cover initial costs and any potential shortfall which may result if less than 50% is provided. <http://www.vests.ojp.gov/>

Application Deadline: April 14, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: NIJ-approved vests purchased on or after March 1, 1999 are eligible for funding.

Maximum Award Amount: Reimbursement will be up to 50% of the cost for a vest.

Number of Awards Made: Number of awards will depend on the number of reimbursement requests submitted and the availability of funds.

FY 2001 Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus Program provides funding for colleges and universities to create large-scale social change by adopting policies and protocols that treat violence against women crimes as serious offenses and by developing victim services and programs that make victim safety, offender accountability, and prevention of such crimes a high priority. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/grants/campus/campus01.pdf>

Application Deadline: Letter of Intent due April 3, 2001, Application due April 24, 2001.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible grantees for this program are institutions of higher education as defined under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. A consortium of higher education institutions also may apply for these grants provided that each individual consortium member is also eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: Awards made in prior fiscal years ranged from approximately \$143,000 to \$550,000. In fiscal year 2001, award amounts will vary based on the scope of activities proposed, the number of students served, and the number of colleges and universities participating in proposed state and local consortium projects.

Grant Period: 2 years

Cops in Schools CIS provides direct grants to agencies and jurisdictions to hire or rehire additional new school resource officers to be deployed in and around schools as part of an overall plan to address crime and related problems through community policing. The COPS office requires that the officers deployed in the SRO position(s) spend a minimum of 75% of their time in and around schools working on youth related activities.

Application Deadline: May 11, 2001 and June 15, 2001. Applicants applying for the first deadline will be given priority consideration for FY2001 funding.

Eligibility Requirements: All state, local, tribal, and public law enforcement agencies, as well as jurisdictions serving special populations (e.g., transit, university, public housing, schools, and natural resources) are eligible to apply. In addition, jurisdictions wishing to establish, or reinstate, police agencies are eligible to apply under this program.

Maximum Award Amount: \$125,000 per officer for a three-year period.

Grant Period: Three years

Youthbuild <http://www.hud.gov/adm/grants/nofa/grpyouth.html#youth>

Administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Youthbuild will award grants to support job-training projects for people aged 16 to 24 to rehabilitate and build affordable housing units. For more information, contact Donna Clarke at HUD: 202-708-2035.

Application Deadline: May 30, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofit and public agencies are eligible to apply

Maximum Award Amount: \$52.9 million is available. The maximum award is \$500,000.

Video Conferencing for Domestic Violence Victims www.ntia.doc.gov

In an effort to better serve victims of domestic violence in obtaining protection orders, lawyers from the Maine Pine Tree Legal Assistance agency devised a video-conferencing system to provide victims a safe way to obtain protective orders. The system connects domestic violence agencies with courthouses via the Internet, which allows victims to communicate with lawyers and judges. In response to this innovative project, the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration has set up a three-year pilot video-conference grant project designed to counsel women, provide legal training on Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) issues to domestic violence workers, and to help victims obtain public services. Phillip English, from the Department of Commerce's Technology Opportunity Program (TOP), says states "stand a very good chance" of being awarded funding for similar grants.

Application Deadline: March 22, 2001

Eligibility Requirements: Nonprofit agencies as well as state, local, and tribal governments.

Maximum Award Amount: \$42.5 million is available for this grant. Average amount of award will be \$500,000.

From Private Foundations

The National Campaign Against Youth Violence (NCAYV) has announced the release of request for proposals for communities to develop and implement strategies that prevent and reduce violence by and against youth. <http://www.noviolence.net>

Application Deadline: April 13, 2001

Maximum Award Amount: A one-time administrative grant of \$25,000 to help underwrite staff time and the costs to implement a local campaign against youth violence.

Number of Awards Made: 10 to 15 communities will be funded.

Eligibility Requirements: Applications may be submitted by community-based, government-based, or law enforcement-based partnership, coalition or collaborative. See the request for proposal for specific eligibility requirements.

The **Robert Wool Johnson Foundation** announces the funding initiative "**Reclaiming Futures: Building Community Solutions to Substance Abuse and Delinquency.**" <http://www.reclaimingfutures.org/CFP.pdf>

This initiative is designed to build community solutions to substance abuse and delinquency by developing the systems infrastructure necessary to deliver comprehensive care within the juvenile justice system. To accomplish this, a partnership encompassing the juvenile justice system, substance abuse treatment systems, and a range of youth and family support services will be necessary in each of the participating communities.

Application Deadline: Letters of intent are due on May 18. Full proposals from those invited to apply are due on Aug. 24. Grants will be announced on Jan. 30, 2002.

Eligibility Requirements: Each applicant must have a base population of at least 2,000 youth between the ages of 10-18 in their community. Smaller communities are encouraged to partner with neighboring communities to achieve this number. Applicants must also have funding to provide alcohol and illicit drug treatment for at least 40 youth, the minimum number that must be served annually at each site.

Number of Awards Made: 10

Maximum Award Amount: Planning grants of up to \$250,000 each will be awarded. At the completion of the first phase, each of the 10 sites will be eligible for the second phase of four years of implementation funding provided that they meet established benchmarks. Implementation grants will be for up to \$250,000 per year for four years.

Research and Statistics

Contacts between Police and Public: Findings from the 1999 National Survey. In 1999 an estimated 43.8 million persons age 16 or older had least one face-to-face contact with a police officer. The analysis found that less than 1 percent of these contacts resulted in police force or threat of force, and an estimated 20 percent of such incidents involved only the threat to use force. Eighty-four percent of the drivers said they were stopped for a legitimate reason, and 90 percent said the police officers had behaved properly during the stop. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cpp99.htm>

Community Policing and Local Police Departments, 1997 and 1999 From 1997 through 1999 the percentage of local police officers throughout the nation who were designated community policing officers increased from 4 percent to 21 percent. State and local law enforcement agencies had nearly 113,000 community policing officers or their equivalents during 1999, compared to about 21,000 in 1997. Among other things, sixty-three percent of local police departments, serving 85 percent of U.S. residents, used routine foot and/or bicycle patrols. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cplpd99.htm>

Highlights of the Youth Internet Safety Survey. This Fact Sheet presents findings from the Youth Internet Safety Survey conducted by the Crimes against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. The survey of 1,501 youth ages 10 through 17 who used the Internet regularly found that almost one in five of the young Internet users surveyed received an unwanted sexual solicitation in the past year and that approximately one in four had experienced unwanted exposures to sexual material. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200104.pdf>

Youth Gang Homicides in the 1990's. This Fact Sheet discusses the results of a OJJDP National Youth Gang Center study of youth gang homicides in U.S. cities in the 1990's. According to the study, gang homicides remained a serious problem in most U.S. cities during the first part of the decade, increasing and decreasing in almost the same proportion of cities. Gang homicide trends from 1996 to 1998 were more dynamic, with one-half of surveyed cities reporting a decrease, 36 percent reporting an increase, and 15 percent reporting no change. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojjdp/fs200103.pdf>

The 2000 National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse VI: Teens This study assessed the impact of parental conduct on the likelihood of teen substance abuse. According to the study, only 27% of teens in America (about 6.5 million) live with "hands-on" parents, and these teens are at one quarter the risk of smoking, drinking, and using drugs as teens with "hands-off" parents. Twenty-six percent (26%) of teens cited drugs as their biggest concern, up from 23 percent in 1999. Seventeen percent (17%) of teens said "I feel peer pressure to use drugs," 28% know a friend or classmate who has used Ecstasy, and 10% of teens say they have been to a rave, and Ecstasy was available at 70% of these raves. http://www.casacolumbia.org/usr_doc/52809.pdf

Disorder in Urban Neighborhoods - Does it Lead to Crime The study suggests that disorder does not directly promote crime, although the two phenomena are related. Reducing disorder may reduce crime, but this happens indirectly, by stabilizing neighborhoods via cohesion among neighborhood residents combined with shared expectations for informal social control of public space. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/186049.pdf>

Federal Criminal Case Processing, 1999: With Trends 1982-99, Reconciled Data In 1999, 109,452 offenders were arrested by Federal law enforcement agencies. Almost 30% of all arrests were for drug offenses, 21% for immigration

offenses, 15% for property offenses, 14% for violent offenses, and about 4% to secure and safeguard a material witness.
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fccp99.pdf>

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect with a Program of Nurse Home Visitation: The Limiting Effects of Domestic Violence and Promise and Limitations of Home Visiting A 15-year study conducted in Elmira, New York found that home visits by nurses to expectant mothers and children during infancy reduced the number of abused or neglected children during the first two years of the children's lives. Visits were also found to reduce child maltreatment during the first fifteen years of the children's lives. More information on this study can be found in the September 20, 2000 edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

Limitations of Experimental Evaluation of Batterer Programs In examining the effects of batterers programs, researchers concluded that the programs do little in stopping men from abusing their female partners. However, longer programs hold a greater possibility than shorter programs of rehabilitating batterers. The full article can be found in *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse* (2) 1, 79-88 (2001). <http://www.sagepub.co.uk/journals/details/j0328.html>

Resources

Guide to the Technologies of Concealed Weapon and Contraband Imaging and Detection This guide describes the technology and applicability of the concealed weapon and contraband imaging and detection system (CWCIDS). The information contained in this report can assist the law enforcement and corrections community and other potential users to better understand the operation and limitations of CWCIDS technology. Also examined in this guide is the type of information obtained by the detection system, safety and radiation exposure, and recommendations for performance standards. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/184432.pdf>

"Talking with Kids About Tough Issues" A survey of kids age 8-15 and their parents, released by the Kaiser Family Foundation, indicates youth ages 8-11 years old say teasing and bullying (74%), discrimination and disrespect (43%), and threats of violence (38%) occur at their school. Talking with Kids and Nickelodeon have developed new multimedia resources to help parents and kids talk together about issues like puberty and sex, violence, alcohol and drugs, and respect. At <http://www.everythingnick.com>, parents can get age-appropriate guidance and tips for raising topics with their kids. At http://www.nick.com/your_world, kids can take a "Talk Challenge" and share experiences. Parents can also call 1 800 CHILD 44 to receive a free guide. <http://www.kff.org/content/2001/3105/>

"A Comparison of Four Restorative Conferencing Models" Restorative conferencing brings together victims, offenders, and other members of the community to hold offenders accountable not only for their crimes but for the harm they cause to victims. This report features four models of restorative conferencing: victim-offender mediation, community reparative boards, family group conferencing, and circle sentencing. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/184738.pdf>

"The Promising and Effective Practices Network (PEPNet) 2001: Effective Practices Criteria Workbook" PEPNet is a national resource for youth employment and youth development, and provides tools and resources that assist juvenile justice professionals in helping juvenile offenders to succeed in work and education and enable policymakers to make more effective decisions. A free copy of the workbook may be obtained at the following web site: <http://www.nyec.org/pepnet/>

"Our Aging Population: Promoting Empowerment, Preventing Victimization, and Implementing Coordinated Interventions" Report on the proceedings of a national symposium on elder victimization. The symposium featured promising multidisciplinary approaches to reducing and preventing crimes against older people, and bringing together professionals from the public safety, social service, and health care fields. http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/docs/ncj_186256.pdf

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